

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above claim amendments and arguments set forth below. Claims 1 and 13 and 14 have been amended. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. Therefore, Claims 1-15 remain pending in the case.

Telephone Interview Summary

This supplemental amendment is responsive to an office action dated July 29, 2003 and a telephonic Examiner Interview conducted on December 16, 2003, between Examiner Kenneth Kim and Applicants' representatives, Ronald M. Pomerence (Reg. 43,009) and Rambod Nader (Reg. No. 47,262). The Examiner is thanked for his time and consideration of the present application during the interview. Briefly, Examiner's concerns based on 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph regarding claims 1, 13 and 14 were discussed and clarification of the reasons behind the rejections were sought. Accordingly, during the Interview, Applicants' proposed claim amendments addressing Examiner Kim's concerns. The claim amendments discussed during the Interview have been incorporated into Claims 1, 13 and 14. The Abstract has been amended to reflect the claim amendments.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, in order to expedite the prosecution of the application and based on the Telephonic Examiner Interview, Applicants have herein amended Claims 1, 13 and 14 according to the claim amendment proposal discussed during the Telephonic Interview. No new matter has been introduced as a result of these amendments.

Additionally, Applicants reassert their traverse of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections, and would respectfully point out that under Ex parte Wu, 10 USPQ 2d

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2031, 2033 (B.P.A.I. 1989), "[i]n rejecting a claim under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112, it is incumbent on the Examiner to establish that one of ordinary skill in the pertinent art, when reading the claims in light of the supporting specification, would not have been able to ascertain with a reasonable degree of precision and particularity the particular area set out and circumscribed by the claims." Therefore, Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce the claimed subject matter in its original form at some later proceeding.

Applicants herein respectfully submit that the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections have been overcome and request the allowance of Claims 1, 13 and 14.

Dependent Claims 2-13 and Claim 15

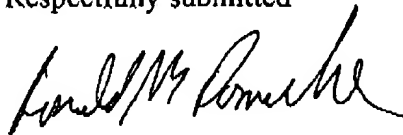
Dependent Claims 2-13 and 15 are dependent from Claims 1, 13 and 14. Therefore, Applicants assert that Claim 2-13 and 15 are allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent Claims 1, 13 and 14.

Conclusion

For these reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-15 are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited by Applicants.

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Respectfully submitted



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